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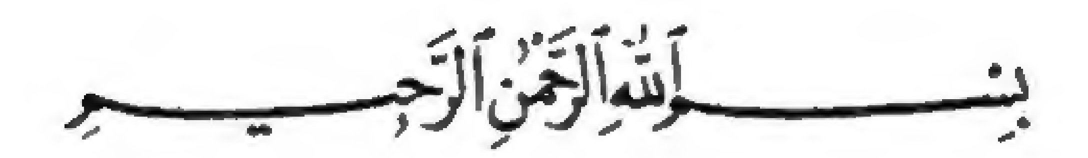
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THE MERCIFUL THE COMPASSIONATE

Say: "I do
No more than invoke
My Lord, and I join not
With Him any (False god)."
(Quran 72:20)

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This is an English translation of a book originally published in Arabic by Ustaz Muhammad Bin Jumail Zaynu (A professor at DAR Al-HADITH) Makkah, Saudi Arabia. The book, "Huz AQIIDATAKAMIN AL-QURAN WA SUNNA ASAHIHAH" (Literally: Get Your Belief From The Quran And The Sound Prophetic Tradition). It provides answers to some important questions relating to the Islamic belief. Apart from this book, the author has written several other important books on Islam. Some of which dealt with issues that are of fundamental importance to Muslims particularly those in West Africa. However, as the books are published mostly in the Arabic Language; majority of African Muslims cannot read and understand them. English remains the language of communication and administration in Africa. For Muslims in Africa to derive maximum benefit from Islamic books, there is a need to get some of these books translated into English.

It is therefore with this aim in mind that I translated this book into English.

If my modest effort is successful, it is by Allah's Graee and Guidance. But if it falls short of the readers' expectations, I pray that Allah will forgive my imperfect judgements.

"Our Lord In Thee do we trust, and to Thee do we turn in repentance: to Thee is our final Goal" (Quran 60:4)

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Preface

In The Name of Allah, The Gracious The Merciful.

Praise be to Allan, we ask Him; for help and forgiveness and we ask Him for protection against evils of ourselves and the vices of our deeds. Whoever Allah guides to the right path, no-one can misguide him, and whoever Allah misguides no-one can lead him to the right path. I bear witness that there is only one God (Allah) and that Muhammad is His Messenger.

This booklet consists of important questions and answers on Islamic Belief. Answers to these questions are based on evidence from the Quran and the Hadith (i.e. Prophet's sayings). Belief in the Oneness of Allah is the source of Man's happiness on earth and in the Hereafter. I pray to Allah that these questions and answers are beneficial to all brother Moslems and are solely for Allah's sake and pleasure.

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Q: 1 WHY DID ALLAH CREATE US?

A: 1 He created us to worship Him and associate nothing with Him. God Almighty says: "I have only created jinns and men, that they should worship me" (Qur'an 51:56) The Holy Prophet peace be upon him says: "Man's duty to Allah is to worship Him and associate nothing with Him"

(Hadith agreed upon regarding its authenticity)

Q: 2 WHAT IS IBAADAH (THE ISLAMIC FORM OF WORSHIP)

A: 2 IBAADAH is a comprehensive name for all what Allah likes in words and in deeds like supplication, prayer (salat), sacrifices etc. Allah Almighty says: "Say truly, my prayer, my life and my death are (all) for Allah, the Cherisher of the Worlds" (Qur'an 6:162).

THE HOLY PROPHET says: "Allah the Almighty said: My servant does not please me with anything more beloved to me than the religious duties I have imposed upon him"

(Related by Bukhari)

Q: 3 HOW DO WE WORSHIP ALLAH?

A: 3 We worship Allah as He and His Messenger have commanded us. The Almighty says: "O ye who believe! Obey Allah and Obey the Messenger, and make not vain your deeds". (Qur'an 47:33)

THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH May peace be upon

him (MPBUH) Said: "He who does an act which is different from our practices will have it rejected". (Related by Muslim).

Q: 4 SHOULD WE WORSHIP ALLAH IN FEAR AND IN HOPE?

A: 4 Yes, we should worship Allah in fear and hope. In describing believers, the Almighty says: "... who call on their Lord in fear and hope..." (Qur'an 32:16)

THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH (MPBUH) Said: "I ask Allah's help to grant me Paradise and I seek refuge in Him from the Hellfire".

(Related by Abu Daud)

Q: 5 WHAT IS EHSAN (PERFECTION) IN WORSHIP?

A: 5 (EHSAN) is to be aware of Allah the Almighty in worship. Allah the Almighty says: "Who seeth thee standing forth (in prayer), and thy movements among those who prostrate themselves". (Qur'an 26:218).
THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH (MPBUH) Said: "EHSAN is to worship Allah as though you are seeing Him for even though you do not see Him, Allah always sees you".

(Related by Muslim)

THE VARIOUS FORMS OF (TAWHID) AND ITS VIRTUES

Q: 6 WHY DID ALLAH SEND THE MESSENGERS?

A: 6 He sent them to call for His worship, and to refute associating partners with Him. The Almighty says: "For We assuredly sent among every people an apostle, (with the command), "serve Allah and eschew evil". (Qur'an 16:32)

(Taagut (evil) means any Satanic caller to the worship of other than Allah).

THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH (MPBUH) Said: "The Prophets are brothers (to one another) and their religion is one" (Agreed upon)

Q: 7 WHAT IS "TAWHID ARRAB?"

(What is the monotheism of the Lord)

A: 7 It is the assertion of the Oneness of Allah in His actions such as creation and regulation (of affairs) etc. Allah the Almighty says: "Praise be to Allah, Lord of the worlds".

THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH SAID: "Thou Allah is the Lord of the Heavens and the Earth".

(Agreed upon)

Q: 9 WHAT IS "TAWHID SIFFAT-UL-LAH?

What is the monothesism of names and attributes of Allah.

A: 9 It is the assertion of how Allah has described Himself in His Book (the Qur'an) or how His Messenger exactly

described Him in authentic Hadith withcut interpretation, procuration or comparison, or divestment such as on the issue of establishment on the Throne, the Descending, the Hand, etc. appropriate to His perfection. Allah the Almighty says: "There is nothing whatSoever like unto Him, and He is the One that hears and sees (all things)". (Qur'an 42:11) THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH (MPBUH) Said: "Allah descends every night in the earthly sky". (The descent of Allah implies descending befitting His Majesty and unlike that of any one of His creations".)

(Related by Muslim)

Q: 10 WHERE IS ALLAH?

A: 10 Allah is on the Throne Above the heavens. The Almighty says: "(Allah) The Most Gracious is firmly established on the Throne of authority) (Qur'an 20:5)

(i.e high and elevated as related by AL-BUKHARI)

THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH (MPBUH) Said:
"Surely Allah has prescribed a decree... and is with Him on the Throne".
(Agreed upon)

Q: 11 IS ALLAH WITH US?

A: 11 Allah is with us by His hearing, His seeing and His Knowledge. the Almighty says: Fear not for I am with you I hear and see (everything)" (Qur'an 20:46) THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH (MPBUH) Said: "You are calling the All-Seeing, the Most near and He is with you" (i.e. with His Knowledge)

(Related by Muslim)

Q: 12WHAT ARE THE VIRTUES OF TAWHID?

A: 12The virtues of TAWHID are safety from punishment in the Hereafter; guidance in this world and remission of sins. Allah the Almighty says: "It is those who believe and mix not their beliefs with that are (truly) in security, for they are on (right) guidance. (Qur'an 6: 82) THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH (MPBUH) Said: "Allah's reward for His servants is not to punish those who do not associate anything with Him
(Agreed upon)

* Any hint at polytheism.

CONDITIONS FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF DEEDS

Q: 13 WHAT ARE THE CONDITIONS FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF DEEDS?

A: 13 The conditions for the acceptance of deeds in the sight of Allah are three:-

i. Faith in Allah and in His Oneness (TAWHID). Allah the Almighty says: "As to those who believe and work righteous deeds, they have, for their entertainment, the Gardens of Paradise."
(Qur'an 18:107)
THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH (MPBUH) Said "Say: "I believe in Allah and there after be upright".
(Related by Muslim)

ii. Sincere devotion to Allah without hypocrisy and without seeking of self praise. Allah The Almighty says: "So serve Allah offering Him sincere devotion". (Qur'an 39:2)

iii. To act in accordance with what the Messenger of Allah (MPBUH) has brought. Allah the Almighty says: "So take what the Apostle assigns to you, and deny yourselves that which he withholds from you". (Qur'an 59:7) THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH (MPBUH) Said: "He who does an act which is not in accordance with our practices, will have it rejected".
(Related by Muslim).

THE GREATER SHIRK
(POLY THEISON)

Q: 1 WHAT IS THE GREATEST SIN IN THE SIGHT OF ALLAH?

A: 1 *Shirk is the greatest sin. The Almighty Says:** "O my son! join not in worship (others) with Allah for false is indeed the highest wrongdoing".
(Qur'an 31:13)

When the Messenger of Allah was asked "Which is the greatest sin?" He said "To set up a Partner with Allah while He is your Creator".
(Agreed Upon)

Q: 3 DOES SHIRK EXIST IN THIS GENERATION?

A: 3 Yes, it exists. The Holy Qur'an says: "And most of them believe not in Allah without associating (others as partners) with Him". (Qur'an 12:106)
THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH (MPBUH) Said: "The (day of Judjement) will not come until some groups of my Ummah (people) will have followed the unbelievers and begun to worship idols".
(Sound Hadith Related by Tirmidhi)

Q: 4 WHAT IS THE RULING CONCERNING SUPPLICATION TO THE DEAD OR THE INVISIBLE?

A: 4 Supplication to the dead or the invisible is a form of Greater Shirk. The Almighty says: "Nor call on any

* SHIRK - act of associating a partner with Allah (polytheism)
** The verse is said in the course of recounting Lokman's advice to his son.

other than Allah; such will neither profit you nor hurt you: if you do, behold! you shall certainly be of those who do wrong (Qur'an 10:106)

THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH (MPBUH) Said: "Whoever dies while calling on associates a partner with Allah shall enter Hell".

(Related by Bukhari)

Q: 5 DOES SUPPLICATION FORM PART OF WORSHIP?

A: 5 Yes, supplication is part of worship. The Almighty says: "And your Lord says: "Call on Me I will answer your (Call): But those who are too arrogant to worship Me will surely find themselves in Hell - in humiliation". (Qur'an 40:60)

THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH (MPBUH) Said: "Supplication is worship".

(Related by Ahmed. Tirmidhi described this hadith as good and sound)

Q: 6 DO THE DEAD HEAR SUPPLICATION?

A: 6 They do not hear. Allah the Almighty says: "Truly you cannot cause the dead to listen". (Qur'an 27:80) "You cannot make those who are buried in graves ear. (Qur'an 35:22)

KINDS OF GREATER SHIRK

Q: 7 SHOULD WE SEEK HELP FROM THE DEAD OR FROM THE INVISIBLE?

A: 7 i. We should not seek help from them. Allah the Almighty says: "Those whom they invoke besides Allah create nothing and are themselves created". (Qur'an 16:20)

ii. "Remember ye implored the assistance of your Lord, and He answered you". (Qur'an 8:9)

THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH (MPBUH) Said: "O the Ever-Living, the Ever-Lasting, through your Mercy I seek help".

(Good Hadith related by Tirmidhi)

Q: 8 IS IT ALLOWED TO SEEK HELP FROM OTHER THAN ALLAH?

A: 8 It is not allowed. The Holy Qur'an says "You we do worship, and Your aid we seek"(Qur'an 1:5)

THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH (MPBUH) : "If you ask, ask of Allah; if you seek help, seek help of Allah".

(Good and sound Hadith related by Tirmidhi)

Q: 9 SHOULD WE SEEK HELP FROM THOSE LIVING?

A: 9 Yes, depending on their ability. The Almighty says: "Help ye one another in righteousness and piety". (Qur'an 5:3)

THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH (MPBUH) Said:

"Allah will aid a servant (of His) so long as the servant aids his brother".

(Related by Muslim)

Q: 10 IS IT ALLOWED TO MAKE AN OATH BY OTHER THAN ALLAH?

A: 10 It is not allowed to make an oath except by Allah because the Holy Qur'an says: "O my Lord, I do dedicate unto Thee what is in my womb for thy special service". (Qur'an 3:35)
THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH (MPBUH) Said: "Whoever vowed to obey Allah, let him fulfil his vow; whoever vowed to disobey Allah, let him not fulfil it"

Q: 11 IS IT ALLOWED TO SACRIFICE IN ANY OTHER NAME THAN ALLAH'S?

A: 11 It is not allowed. The Holy Qur'an says: "Therefore to Thy Lord turn in prayer and sacrifice". (Qur'an 108:2)
THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH (MPBUH) Said: "Allah curses whoever sacrifice in any other name than Allah's"

(Related by Muslim)

Q: 12 SHOULD WE CIRCUMAMBULATE THE GRAVES AS A MEANS OF PLEASING (TO ALLAH)?

A: 12 We should not circumambulate anything except the 'KAABAH'". The Almighty says: "And circumambulate the Ancient House".
(Qur'an 22:29)
THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH (MPBUH) Said: "Whoever circumambulates the House (KAABAH)

seven times and offers two Rakats Prayer, it is (the reward) like freeing of a slave".

(Related by Ibn Majah)

Q: 13 WHAT IS THE RULING CONCERNING MAGIC?

A: 13 Magic constitutes disbelief (KUFR). The Almighty says: "Satans disbelieved teaching men Magic". (Qur'an 2:102)
THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH (MPBUH) Said: "Avoid seven grave sins, 'Shirk, Magic,...

(Related by Muslim)

Q: 14 SHOULD WE BELIEVE THE FORTUNETELLER AND THE SOOTHSAYER REGARDING THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE UNSEEN?

A: 14 We should not believe them. The Almighty says: "Say: None in the Heavens or on Earth except Allah knows what is hidden". (Qur'an 27:65)
The Messenger of Allah (MPBUH) said: "Whoever goes to a fortuneteller or a soothsayer and believes in what he says, has surely disbelieved what has been sent to Muhammad"

(Sound Hadith relatd by Ahmad)

Q: 15 DOES ANY ONE KNOW THE UNSEEN?

A: 15 No one knows the Unseen except those to whom Allah has revealed among the Messengers. The Almighty says: "He (alone) knows the Unseen, nor does He make any one acquainted with his mysteries except an apostle whom He has chosen (Qur'an 72:26)
THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH (MPBUH) Said: "No one knows the unseen except Allah".

(Good Hadith related by Tabrani)

Q: 16 SHALL WE PUT ON THREAD AND RING FOR CURING AN AILMENT?

A: 16 We should not put them on because the Almighty says: "If Allah touch thee with affliction, none can remove it but He". (Qur'an 6:17) And the saying of the Messenger of Allah (MPBUH)" They can only add to your weakness. Should death overtake you while you are wearing them, you would never attain Prosperity

(Sound Hadith related by Al-Hakam which was agreed upon and approved by Al-Dhahabi)

Q: 17 SHOULD WE WEAR BEADS AND SEA-SHELLS AND THE LIKE?

A: 17 We should not wear them for protection against an evil eye. The Almighty says: "If Allah touch thee with an affliction, none can remove it except He". (Qur'an 6:17) And the saying of the Messenger of Allah (MPBUH) "Whoever wears an amulet has committed SHIRK"

(Sound Hadith related by Ahmed)

Q: 18 WHAT IS THE RULING CONCERNING ACTING IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAWS THAT CONTRADICT ISLAM?

A: 18 Acting in accordance with laws that contradict Islam constitutes Disbelief (KUFR) when one approves them or believes in their usefulness.

The Almighty says: "If any does fail to judge by (the light of) what Allah revealed, they are (no better than) Unbelievers".

(Qur'an 5:44)

THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH (MPBUH) Said: "If their leaders fail to judge by the Book of Allah (the

Qur'an), and to choose what Allah has revealed, Allah will cause distress among them'.

(Good Hadith related by Ibn Majah and others)

Q: 19 HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND TO THE SATANIC QUESTION 'WHO CREATED ALLAH'?

A: 19 If Satan whispers this question into anyone of you, he should seek refuge in Allah. The Almighty says: "And if (at any time) an incitement to discord is made to thee by the Evil one, seek refuge in Allah. He is the One Who hears and knows all things". (Qur'an 41:36)

The Messenger of Allah taught us to repel the deception of Satan by saying: "I believe in Allah and His Messengers, Allah is one and Only; Allah the Eternal, Absolute, He begetteth not, nor is He begotten, and there is none like unto Him". then, one should spit (lightly) three times on one's left side and seek refuge in Allah against Satan. If this is done, it goes away.

(This is a summary of a collection of sound Hadith reported in Bukhari, Muslim, Ahmad and Abu Da'ud)

Q: 20 WHAT IS THE EFFECT OF GREATER SHIRK?

A: 20 Greater Shirk is the cause of an eternal life in the Hell-fire. Allah the Almighty says: "Whoever joins other gods with Allah, Allah will forbid him the Garden and the Fire will be his abode. there will for the wrongdoers be no one to help".

(Qur'an 5:72) And the messenger of Allah (MPBUH) SAID: "Whoever meets Allah (on the Day of Judgement) having associated aught with Him, shall be consigned to the Fire".

(Related by Muslim)

Q: 21 DOES AN ACT PERFORMED BY A PERSON WHO ASCRIBES A PARTNER WITH ALLAH PROSPER?

A: 21 An act performed by a person who ascribes a partner with Allah is useless. The Almighty says in the Qur'an concerning the Prophets: "If they were to join other gods with Him, all that they did will be vain for them". (Qur'an 5:67)

THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH (MPBUH) Said: "Allah the Almighty says: 'I have no need of associates. Whoever associates a partner with me in any act, I shall forsake him and his association.

(Related by Muslim)

THE LESSER SHIRK

Q: 1 WHAT IS THE LESSER SHIRK?

A: 1 Sanctimony constitutes the lesser Shirk. The Almighty says: "Whoever expects to meet his Lord, let him work righteousness, and, in the worship of his Lord, admit no one as partner". (Qur'an 18:110)

THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH (MPBUH) Said: "What I fear most for you is the lesser Shirk i.e. Sanctimony.

(Sound Hadith related by Ahmad)

It constitutes the lesser Shirk for a man to say: 'Were it not for Allah and MR. or MRs. So-and-So or If Allah has willed it and MR. or MRs. So-and-So (or names a human being or any living being) willed it'

THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH (MPBUH) Said: "Do not say: What Allah wills and So-and-So wills, but say What Allah wills and then separately so-and-so wills'.

(Sound Hadith related by Abu Daud)

Q: 2 IS IT ALLOWED TO SWEAR BY OTHER THAN ALLAH?

A: 2 Swearing by other than Allah is not allowed. the Almighty says: "Say, yea, by my Lord, ye shall surely be raised up".

(Qur'an 64:7)

THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH (MPBUH) Said:

"He who swears by anything besides Allah is guilty of association".

(Related by Ahmad)

"He who must take an oath should swear by Allah or keep silent".
(Agreed Upon)

ENTREATY AND REQUEST FOR INTERCESSION

Q: 1 BY WHAT SHOULD WE ENTREAT ALLAH?
A: 1 There are permissible and forbidden forms of entreating Allah.

i. The permissible and desired form of entreating (Allah) is to entreat by the names and attributes of Allah and by deeds. Allah the Almighty says: "The most beautiful names belong to Allah; so call on Him by them". (Qur'an 7:180) Again in another verse He says: "Oh ye who believe,' do your duty to Allah, and seek the means of approach unto Him". (i.e. Getting closer to Him by obeying Him, and with deeds for which He is pleased) (Ibn Kathir has referred to it quoting from Qatadah).

The Messenger of Allah (MPBUH) Said: "I ask Thee by every name which belongs to Thee". (Sound Hadth related by Ahmad). And the saying of the Messenger of Allah to the companion who sought to be with him in Paradise. "Assist me with yourself for this with much prostration". (i.e. with SALAT which is a righteous deed)

(Related by Muslim)

It is permissible to entreat (Allah) by our love and Allah's ***love for the Messenger and the good deeds. As in the case of the story of the Companions of the Cave, who by their righteous deeds, entreated Allah and Allah granted them relief.***

ii. The forbidden entreaty is the supplication to those who

are dead and asking them to provide for one's needs as it is being done today. Such acts constitute the Greater Shirk because of the words of the Almighty "Nor call on any other than Allah, such will neither profit thee nor hurt thee; if thou dost, behold.' thou shalt certainly be of those who do wrong" (Qur'an 10:106)

iii. To entreat Allah by the rank of the Messenger (MPBUH) such as the saying: "Oh Lord, by the rank of Muhammad, heal me" constitutes BID'A (INNOVATION) because the companions of the Prophet never did it. And because the Caliph Umar, in his supplication, entreated by Abbass while Abbass was alive and never entreated the Messenger of Allah after the Messenger's death. Such entreaty may lead to Shirk, that is when one believes that Allah needs a human intermediary like a prince or governor. For one has then likened the Creator to a created being.

* *For more details and evidences on this issue, please refer to a book entitled "AL-TAWASSUL WA-AHKAAMUHU* ***WA-ANWAA "UHU" Intermediation: Regulations & Typess by Sheikh Al-Albaniy.***

Q: 2 DOES A PRAYER REQUIRE A HUMAN INTERMEDIARY?

A: 2 A prayer does not require a human intermediary, because the Almighty Allah says: "When my servants ask thee concerning Me, I am indeed close (to them)" (Qur'an 2:186)
And the saying of the Messenger of Allah: "You are calling unto one who hears and is close to you".
(Related by Muslim)

Q: 3 IS IT ALLOWED TO ASK FOR A PRAYER FROM THOSE ALIVE?

A: 3 It is allowed to ask for prayer from those who are alive and not from the dead. Allah the Almighty says: "And ask forgiveness for thy fault, and for the men and women who believe". (Qur'an 47:19)
In a sound Hadith related by Tirmidhi, it was reported that a blind man came to the Prophet (MPBUH) and said to him: "Pray to Allah to cure me".

Q: 4 WHAT IS THE MEDIUM OF THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH (MPBUH)?(Loyalty)"

A: 4 The Medium of the Messenger of Allah is the transmission of the divine message. The Almighty says: "O Apostle ! proclaim the (message) which hath been sent to thee from thy Lord". (Qur'an 5:67)
THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH (MPBUH) Said: "We bear witness that you have delivered the message".
(Related by Muslim)

Q: 5 FROM WHOM DO WE ASK FOR THE INTERCESSION OF THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH (MPBUH)?

A: 5 It is from Allah that we ask for the intercession of the Messenger. The Almighty says: "Say; To Allah belongs exclusively (the right to grant) intercession". (Qur'an 39:44) the Messenger of Allah taught a companion to say: "O Lord, grant him (the Prophet) the permission of intercession".
(Sound Hadith Related by Tirmidhi)

The Messenger of Allah (MPBUH) Said: "I have

retained my prayer for intercession on the day of Judgement on behalf of those among my people who died having associated nothing with Allah".

(Related by Muslim)

Q: 6 SHOULD WE REQUEST FOR INTERCESSION FROM THOSE ALIVE?

A: 6 We request for intercession from those alive on worldly affairs. Allah the Almighty says: "Whoever recommends and helps a good cause becomes a partner therein: And whoever recommends and helps an evil cause shares in its burden".
(Qur'an 4:85)
THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH (MPBUH) Said: "Intercede and you shall be rewarded".

(Sound Hadith related by Abu Da'ud)

Q:7 SHOULD WE OVER - PRAISE THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH?

A: 7 We should not over praise Him. Allah the Almighty says: "Say: I am but a man like yourselves but the inspiration has come to me, that your God is one God"
(Qur'an 18:110)
THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH (MPBUH) Said: "Do not over praise me as the Christians have over praised Jesus, the son of Mary. I am only a man. Therefore say: The servant and Messenger of Allah

(Related by Bukhari)

RULING ON JIHAD (HOLY WAR) AND WALAA (FRIENDSHIP) AND JUDJING

Q: 1 WHAT IS THE RULING CONCERNING JIHAD?

A: 1 JIHAD (i.e. struggling in the cause of Allah) is obligatory with one's wealth, self and tongue. Allah Almighty says: "Go ye forth (Whether equipped) lightly or heavily, and strive and struggle with your goods and your people in the cause of Allah. (Qur'an 9:41)
THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH (MPBUH) Said: "Strive and struggle against those who associate a partner with Allah with your goods, your people and your tongues".

(Sound Hadith Related by Abu Da'ud)

Q: 2 WHAT IS "WALAA?"

A: 2 Al-WALAA means love and assisting (of one another). the Almighty says: "The believers, men and women are protectors of one another." (Qur'an 9:71). The Messenger of Allah (MPBUH) Said: "Believers are to one another like a building where each brick is supporting the other."

(Related by Muslim)

Q: 3 IS IT ALLOWED TO ASSIST AND MAKE FRIENDSHIP WITH THE DISBELIEVERS?

A: 3 Friendship with the disbelievers and assisting them is not allowed. The Almighty says: "And he amongst you

that turns to them (for friendship) is of them". (Qur'an 5:51)

THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH (MPBUH) Said: "The so-and-so clan or kinsfolk are not (necessarily) my friends"

(Sound Hadith related by Ahmad)

Q: 4 WHO IS WALIY (SAINT)?

A: 4 A WALIY is any Pious believer. the Almighty says: "Behold, verily on the friends of Allah there is no fear, nor shall they grieve; those who believe and (constantly) guard against evil". (Qur'an 10:62)

THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH (MPBUH) Said: "Allah and the pious believers are only my friends".

(Sound Hadith related by Ahmad)

Q: 5 BY WHAT SHOULD THE MUSLIMS JUDGE?

A: 5 Muslims should judge by the Holy Qur'an and the sound Hadiths, Allah the Almighty says: "Judge thou between them by what Allah has revealed". (Qur'an 5:49)

THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH (MPBUH) Said: "The Knower of the Unseen and the Manifest, thou judgeth between Thy servants".

(Related by Muslim)

ACTING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE QUR'AN AND THE HADITH

Q: 1 WHY DID ALLAH SEND THE QUR'AN?

A: Allah sent the Qur'an for us to act in accordance with. The Almighty says: "Follow (O men) the revelations given unto you from your Lord". (Qur'an 7:3).
THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH (MPBUH) Said: "Keep reading the Qur'an and act in accordance with it and make it not a means of sustenance".

(Sound Hadith related by Ahmad)

Q: 2 WHAT IS THE RULING CONCERNING THE ACTING IN ACCORDANCE WITH A SOUND HADITH?

A: 2 Acting in accordance with a sound Hadith is obligatory as the Almighty says: "So take what the Apostle assigns to you and deny yourselves that which he withholds from you". (Qur'an 59:7)
THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH (MPBUH) Said: "Hold fast to my Sunnah and the Sunnah of the rightly guided Caliphs. Stick to them".

(Sound Hadith related by Ahmad)

Q: 3 SHOULD WE HOLD THE QUR'AN AND DISPENSE WITH THE HADITH?

A: 3 We should hold the Qur'an and should not dispense with the Hadith. Allah the Almighty says: "And we have sent down unto thee (also) the Message: that thou

mayest explain clearly to men what is sent for them" (Qur'an 16:44)

THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH (MPBUH) Said: "Verily, I have been given the Qur'an and a likeness of it with it". i.e. the sunna.

(Sound Hadith related by Abu Da'ud and others)

Q: 4 SHOULD WE PUT WORDS AHEAD OF THE WORD OF ALLAH AND HIS MESSENGER?

A: 4 We should not put any words ahead of the word of Allah and His Messenger because the Almighty says: "O ye who believe! put not yourselves forward before Allah and His Apostle; but fear Allah". (Qur'an 49:1)

THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH (MPBUH) Said: "Do not obey any one who disobeys the Creator". *(Sound Hadith related by Tabrani) Ibn Abbass Said:* "I fear that stones from the sky may fall upon you. I say to you: 'The Messenger of Allah Said and you say: 'Abubakr and Umar said!"

Q: 5 WHAT SHOULD WE DO WHEN WE DIFFER AMONG OURSELVES?

A: 5 We should turn to the Book of Allah (The Holy Qur'an) and the Sound Tradition of the Prophet (The Sunnat Sahiha). Allah The Almighty says: "If ye differ in anything among yourselves, refer it to Allah and His Apostle if ye do believe in Allah and the Last Day: that is best and most suitable for final determination". (Qur'an 4:59)

THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH (MPBUH) Said: "Hold fast to my Sunnah and the sunnah of the rightly guided Caliphs and stick to them."

(Sound Hadith Related by Ahmad)

Q: 6 HOW DO YOU LOVE ALLAH AND HIS MESSENGER?

A: 6 Love them by following them and obeying their commands. The Almighty says: "Say: if ye do love Allah, follow me: Allah will love you and forgive you your sins: For Allah is Oft-Forgiving Most Merciful".
(Qur'an 3:31)
THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH (MPBUH) Said: "None of you (truly) believes until I become dearer to him than his son, father and all people".
(agreed Upon)

Q: 7 SHOULD WE GIVE UP DOING GOOD WORKS AND PUT OUR TRUST ON FATE?

A: 7 We should not give up good work because the Almighty says: "So he who gives (in charity) and fears (Allah) and (in all sincerity) testifies to the best, We will indeed make easy for him the path to bliss" (Qur'an 92:5)
THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH (MPBUH) Said: "Do (good) work for each (person) thrives according to that which is destined to him.
(Related by Bukhari and Muslim)

THE PROPHETIC TRADITION (SUNNAH) AND INNOVATION (BID'A)

Q: 1 IS THERE 'A GOOD INNOVATION' IN THE RELIGION?

A: 1 There is no Good Innovation in the Religion. Proof from the Quran is the Saying of the Almighty: "This day I have perfected your religion for you, completed my favour upon you, and have chosen for you Islam as your religion". (Qur'an 5:3)
THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH (MPBUH) Said: "Every innovation is misguidance and every misguidance is in Hell-fire".
(Sound Hadith related by Ahmad and others)

Q: 2 WHAT IS BID'A (INNOVATION) IN THE RELIGION

A: 2 Innovation in the religion is to create additions or deletions in it. In objecting to the innovations of those who ascribe a partner with Him, Allah the Almighty says: "What! have they partners (in godhead) who have established for them some religion without the permission of Allah?" (Qur'an 42:21)
THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH (MPBUH) Said: "He whoever innovates something in our practices that is not of it will have it rejected"
(Agreed Upon)

Q: 3 IS THERE IN ISLAM SUNNAT AL-HASANAH? (HABITUAL PRACTICE SANCTIONED BY THE TRADITION)

A: 3 Yes, there is Sunnat Al-Hasanah in Islam. The Messenger of Allah (MPBUH) said:"Whoever introduces in Islam. Sunnat Al-Hasanah will have its reward and will also be rewarded for whoever acted by it without reducing anything from the rewards of those acting by it".

(Related by Bukhari)

Q: 4 WHEN WILL THE MUSLIMS BE VICTORIOUS?

A: 4 Muslims will achieve victory when they return to the application of the Book of their Lord (The Qur'an) and the Sunnah of their Prophet (MPBUH)- And undertake the spreading of TAWHID (The Oneness of Allah) and warn against SHIRK (The associating of partners with Allah) in all its forms, and confront their enemies with all possible strength. The Almighty says: "O ye who believe! if ye will aid (the cause of) Allah, He will aid you, and plant your feet firmly". (Qur'an 47:7)
Again the Almighty says: "Allah has promised to those among you who believe and do righteous deeds that He will, for a surety, grant them in the land inheritance (or power) as He granted it to those before them; that He will establish in authority their religion - the one which He has chosen for them; and that Hewill change (their state) after the fear in which they (lived) to one of security and peace". (Qur'an 24:55)

Glossary

Dost	=	does
Hath	=	has
Judgeth	=	judges
Mayest	=	May
Oft.	=	Often
Shalt	=	Shall
Thee	=	The Objective Case of Thou you (as an object).
Thou	=	The Second person Singular in the nominative case (you) as a subject.
Thy	=	The possessive case of Thou used as an attributive adjective (your).
Unto	=	To
Ye	=	You

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